at fixed tariff rates against the share of 12 per cent power produced from Nathpa-Jhakari project; and

(c) the quantum of power to be made available at the rate of cost of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes Sir; in terms of the approved formula for sharing of power from Central Sector Hydel Stations, 12% power is to be supplied free of cost to those States of the Region (including the State where the hydro-electric project is located) where distress by way of submergence/dislocation of population is caused by setting up the project. The Allocation to the State in which the project is located where the entire distress takes place is 12 percent. If the distress affects more than one State then the allocation is made in proportion to the extent of distress.

(b) The project authorities, namely, Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation (NJPC) has estimated that the annual revenue available to Himachal Pradesh by the sale of free power would be about Rs. 204.57 crores based on the tariff of Rs. 2.57 per unit for the first year of operation.

(c) In terms of provisions contained in Articles of Association of NJPC, after supply of 12% power free of cost to Himachal Pradesh, the balance (88%) of power from Nathpa Jhakri H.E. Project (1500 MW) would be distributed at bus bar rates as under:—

(i) 25% of the remaining 88% of generated power shall be allocated to Government of Himachal Pradesh in lieu of 25% cost sharing of the project by Government of Himachal Pradesh.

(ii) the remaining 66% of generated power shall be at the disposal of the Government of India in lieu of 75% of cost sharing of the project by the Government of India and shall be allocated by the Government of India to various States of the region (including Himachal Pradesh) in accordance with the approved formula.

Financial Support to Muzaffarpur and Tenughat Power Project

436. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposals from the State Government of Bihar regarding extension project stage-II of Muzaffarpur

Power Station and Tenughat Hydro-Electric Project for financial support under Indo-FRG Development Cooperation Programme;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government are going to sanction these proposals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Power restoration work in Orissa

437. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have asked the Government of Orissa to furnish weekly report regarding power restoration activities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that restoration work in the State has suffered due to funds constraint and infrastructural bottlenecks; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of 19062 villages affected by cyclone, 18591 villages have been electrified, leaving a balance of 471 villages to be electrified. There are 413 villages yet to be electrified in the area under Central Electricity Supply Company (CESCO). Villages which have not been restored are mostly located in inaccessible areas.

There was delay in release of the World Bank funds to the CESCO for restoration work as the signing of the Escrow Agreement for timely repayment of loan and interest to Government took some time. The Escrow Agreement has been signed by the CESCO (AES Co) on 11.7.2000 and the World Bank funds are in the process of being released. CESCO is taking steps to take necessary materials for electrification of these villages.